

The **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on March 8, 2016 at 7:41 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Close, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Schindler, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Ms. Greaves was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rehman, Mr. O’Keefe, Mr. Fleck, Mr. Vecchione, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community.

Under **SPECIAL BUSINESS** action was taken as follows:

Docket #5-246: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Appointment of Interim Middle School Principal

Jonathan Trapani - Interim Middle School Principal effective March 2, 2016 until June 30, 2016.

Topic: Probationary Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>End of Probation</u>
Buffolino, Nicole	Teaching Assistant George Washington	Teaching Assistant	\$17.95/hr. Step 1	3/1/2016	3/1/2020

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ferina, Kimberly	Director of Mathematics	\$127,500	4/2/2016

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Fraser, Rowley	\$90.00/day	Teacher
Buccola, Christa	\$90.00/day	Teacher

Docket #5-247: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hafner, Barbara	Computer Club Advisor MS	\$995.00/cycle (5 cycles of 10 sessions maximum)	3/9/16 – t/b/d

Docket #5-248: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<u>Chestnut Street</u>		
WH Little League	3/13/16 – 6/30/16 Monday – Friday 5:00 pm – Dusk Sundays 11:30 am – Dusk Baseball/Softball	Fields
<u>Cornwell Avenue</u>		
WH Little League	3/13/16 – 6/30/16 Monday – Friday 5:00 pm - Dusk Saturdays 10:00 am - Dusk Baseball/Softball	Fields
<u>Middle School</u>		
WH Little League	3/13/16 – 6/30/16 Monday-Friday 5:00 pm – Dusk Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am – Dusk Baseball/Softball	Fields

Docket #5-249: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Annual Meeting Date notice for the May 17, 2016 Budget Vote.

Docket #5-250: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved Karen Brohm as the Chairperson and Alternate – Patrick McNeill for the Annual District Meeting on May 17, 2016.

Docket #5-251: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Increase in Pay for Per Diem Substitute Teachers and Nurses.

Mr. Hogan congratulated Jonathan Trapani on his appointment as Interim Principal of the Middle School. He then went on to speak briefly about West Hempstead's budgetary problems. Mr. Hogan said that the district is very prudent and doesn't spend. However, the big problem is the revenue side of the budget, citing the tax cap and the loss of students from Island Park. He explained that, although 43% of our students are on free and reduced lunch, the State deems us a wealthy district.

Under **BUDGET WORKSHOP** – Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Mr. O'Keefe, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Non-Instructional portion of the 2016-17 budget.

Topics included: Budget Timeline dates; the 2015-16 Budget recap; challenges to budgeting; preparing for 2016-17; the 2% Tax Cap and the 2016-17 Tax Levy Cap. Mr. O'Keefe then covered the Non-Instructional areas of the budget that included General Support, Transportation, Employee Benefits, Debt Service and Interfund Transfers. He finished with the next steps stating these were only preliminary numbers, waiting on finalized State Aid projections, refining budgetary projections, and keeping the Board and community updated as information becomes available. The next Budget Workshop is March 22, 2016.

The Board then took questions from residents in attendance.

At 9:04 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

At 9:25 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, Executive Session was adjourned.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk